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NOTWITHSTANDING that, according to a report mentioned by our Canton correspondent, there are now thirty Chinese "gunboats" patrolling the West River, piracy in the Canton Delta seems to be as rife as ever. Our correspondent reports daring-piratical attacks on two launches plying between Canton and Waichow, in which several military officials and members of the crews are stated to have been brutally murdered, and the pirates, about 50 in number, were able to make away with about \$10,000 in money and much valuable merchandise. Our correspondent adds that the recent recrudescence of piracy in the Delta and brigandage on shore have been "abnormal," and that "it would fill a couple of columns every day if all the cases were reported." We presume it must have been some knowledge of this state of affairs that prompted the British Minister at Peking recently to inquire of the Chinese Government what steps had been taken to suppress piracy in the Canton Delta. If there are thirty Chinese gunboats patrolling the River, the Chinese Government is in a position to give Sir John JORDAN a reply which on the face of it appears to be highly satisfactory; but this satisfaction is heavily discounted by the news that piracy has again become abnormally prevalent. A flotilla of thirty gunboats, one would suppose, would be able to guarantee complete immunity from piracy on the River, but, large as it is, the flotilla must be regarded as a very ineffective force in view of what is reported to be daily taking place. Probably no one recognises this more clearly than the Chinese Admiral Li Chun,

who has recently been visiting Hongkong to see how the four new gunboats which are being built on the foreign model in the Colony's shipbuilding yards, are progressing. These four fast gunboats will in all probability do far more effective work than the whole of the thirty comprising the present fleet. All that can be said at present, in view of these reports from the West River, is that the Chinese authorities are endeavouring to fulfil the understanding on which Admiral MOORE withdrew the flotilla of three torpedo-boats, four destroyers and three river gunboats which he had detailed for patrol duty there in consequence of the attacks on launches flying the British flag, and the delay in settling the claim made upon the Chinese Government in respect of the piratical attack on the steamer *Saigon* the previous year. The combination of the British and Chinese naval forces thus formed was certainly effective in putting a stop to piracy and giving to the shipping craft on the river a sense of security from attack. Although at the commencement of the British patrol, as the Commissioner of Customs at Canton reminds us in his annual report, there was much excitement among the *Horseriders* in Canton City—"the actual intercourse of the two patrolling fleets was marked by the utmost cordiality and goodwill. Commander B. L. MAJENDIS (*Cadmus*), the senior naval officer in charge of the British flotilla, and the Chinese Admiral handled the situation in a manner calculated to enhance the growing reputation of 'naval diplomacy' and there is every reason to hope that the object-lesson will not be lost on the Chinese Navy." It has evidently not been lost, but there is unhappy evidence also that a Chinese "naval demonstration" is not striking the same amount of terror into the hearts of the pirates and robbers that the British flotilla did. No doubt the recent despatch of piracy reported is attributable to a large extent to the destitution among the riverine population caused by the great floods, and "what is bred in the bone" may always be expected to show itself at such times. That, however, is only an argument for increased vigilance on the part of the naval police force.

With regard to the piracies now alluded to, we presume the cases are purely Chinese, and do not call for foreign intervention. We note that the Commissioner of Customs mentions that the direct intervention of the British Commander-in-Chief has been most useful in drawing official attention to the question of the status of foreign steam-launches in these waters; and "it is understood that the British authorities are contemplating some additional enactments to ensure the bona fides of claimants for the flag." The Commissioner adds: "If other foreign Governments elect to co-operate and to inquire more closely into the genuineness of ownership, the occasion for the present anomaly of foreign intervention to protect the lives and property of Chinese subjects from the depredations of native pirates may be expected to gradually disappear." The attention of the Powers concerned may well be directed to this matter, but the fact still remains that pirates, as experience has shown, are not very discriminating in these matters, and so long as piracy is rife, foreign shipping craft in the Delta will be just as liable to attack as Chinese craft. The state of affairs which our Canton correspondent represents clearly calls for the improvement, if not the strengthening, of the present patrol.

The training of artillery volunteers as specialists is proceeding. Interpol rifle-practice will commence at King's Park Range to-morrow afternoon.

Telegraphic communication with Macao, which had been interrupted, has now been restored.

In spite of the absence of news of Dr. Svens-Hedin the general opinion in Kashgar appears to be that this traveller is safe.

American officials believe that the Philippines will make good soldiers. The native constabulary has proved of great value in keeping the peace.

Arobesson Banister presides this evening at a meeting of the Hongkong-Church Missionary Association which is to be held at the residence of Mr. A. Bryer, "Tannerage," The Peak.

The tendency of the Hongkong trade to gravitate to foreign bottoms has been maintained, says the Commissioner of Customs at Canton in a paragraph in his report for 1907 alluding to the native Customs.

Not before time does a warning appear in the Volunteer Orders that cadets blowing bugles in the vicinity of dwelling houses will be deprived of their instruments if the practice is not discontinued.

One curious effect of the lawless state of the neighbourhood of Kowloon last year, remarks Mr. G. Moule, the Acting Commissioner of Customs, was a large increase in the import of iron, owing, it is said, to the unusual demand for "window bars."

The "digging soil ceremony" of the Wuchang-Yochew section of the Canton-Hankow Railway will be held at 10 a.m. on the 8th day of the 8th moon. The ceremony will be conducted by the Director of the Railway Bureau. It is said that the ground required for the line has already been bought and paid for.

Dog flesh is considered a great delicacy among the Native population of Nanking, up the West River. Mr. E. von Strauch, the Acting Commissioner of Customs says: "Judging from the fact that the viand in question obtains in the market a higher price than any other and from the large number of dog butchers here, dog flesh enthusiasts seem to be very numerous."

The coming of the American fleet, a Manila contemporary observes, affects the price of foodstuffs in the Far East. The price of imported beef in Manila has advanced five cents. Butter is unchanged at Pts. 90, and it is not expected that it will leave this figure on the decline to normal until after the battalions fleet sails north. Reports from Australia state that first-grade butter is now commanding 2s. 8d. or 30 cents gold per lb.

Should the committee of the Colony be hampered by the military authorities in their efforts to attain efficiency in gunnery? This was the question discussed at a meeting of the Straits Legislative Council, a fortnight ago. Mr. Ellis, in criticising the Bill in which powers were sought by the military authorities to ensure free areas for artillery practice, submitted that the rules should not be made subject to the Governor-in-Council, but subject to the consent of the Legislative Council. The second reading was passed.

## TYphoon Warning.

The telegram quoted below was received by the American Consulate General, Hongkong, from the Manila Observatory at 11 a.m. yesterday:—"Cyclone or typhoon South East of Naha. Direction unknown."

## THE SEIZURE OF "ARMS" AT AMOY.

The "Amoy Gazette" states on the authority of Mr. Mencarni, the Acting Deputy Commissioner of Customs, that the reports as to the seizure of arms at Amoy have been greatly exaggerated. The seized goods were nothing more nor less than 9,000 old rusty rifle barrels imported in a junk from Formosa as "old iron."

## M. CAO.

## FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

2nd September.

## A FINANCIAL CRISIS.

Not without reason has there been considerable talk these last few days about the amount of money sent out of the Colony. It is well known that during the last week of August no less than \$100,000 was drawn from Macao and consigned to Lisbon. The *Fazenda* was in consequence at its wits' end. The end of the month was at hand and there was no money wherewith to pay the public employees. Some one, however, was inspired with a brilliant idea.

The monopolists were the only hope. Under the persuasion of some official they were induced to pay their contributions the day before they were due, and the crisis was averted. It is pertinent to ask—Have the promises made by the Ministers to Senator Alves Soeadas before his departure for the Colony been forgotten? It seems that promises were only made to be broken. Should this drain continue the Governor will find it increasingly difficult to retain his position, but there is good reason for believing that His Excellency will stand no nonsense.

EXTENSIVE THIEVES.

The band of thieves who have been very active of late still continue their nefarious practices in spite of the police. The thieves enter houses quite boldly, and when they are caught it is alleged that they are not punished as they ought to be. It would be well if the authorities would take the matter in hand and endeavour to restore some feeling of security to residents.

## IMPROVEMENTS AT MACAO.

Mr. A. H. Willes, the acting Commissioner of Customs at Lappa, mentions in his annual report that the vigour and thoroughness of the Public Works Department of Macao are manifest in almost every part of the Colony. "Apart from the Praia Grande extension towards the Bars Fort, this beautiful promenade has in its continuation northwards been subjected to many improvements. From it a new road, commanding a magnificent view, branches off at the end of the range on which the lighthouse is standing, and thence leads back at a higher level towards the city until it emerges at the end of the pine grove skirting the Avenida Publica Garders. The main artery leading from St. Antonio Church to the North has likewise been taken in hand with commendable energy, and well-laid out cross-roads connecting it with the Avenida Vasco de Gamma.

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## TELEGRAMS.

## SUPREME COURT.

Thursday, 3rd September.

## IN APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

## BEFORE THE FULL COURT.

## THE ALLEGED THEFT AS ACTION.

The argument in the first of the two motions set down for hearing before Their Lordships and the Chief Justice (Sir Francis Piggott) and the Puisne Judge (Mr. H. J. Gompers) one on behalf of the plaintiffs and the other on behalf of the defendants in the recent jury action in which Reuter, Brockleman and Company were sued by a Chinese firm for alleged wrongful seizure of property belonging to them—was concluded and their Lordships reserved their decision. Mr. M. W. Slade, instructed by Mr. Dixon, of Messrs. Hastings and Hastings, appeared for the plaintiffs and Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., and Sir Henry Berkley, K.C., instructed by Mr. Lang, of Messrs. Deacon, Looker and Deacon, appeared for the defendants.

Sir Henry Berkley then moved the motion (details already given) asking the Court to order a re-trial.

## A QUESTION OF SIGNATURE.

At the Supreme Court yesterday there was an interesting discussion as to the signature of a letter. Mr. Slade said the signature was a personal one, as was indicated by the words employed "your younger brother." Mr. Pollock asserted that the words as translated were "yours humbly." Mr. Slade replied that the terms had identical meanings, and it was decided to call the interpreter for advice.

On the interpreter being called, the Chief Justice asked—What is the meaning of these characters?

The interpreter—Your younger brother. The Chief Justice—Anything else?

The Interpreter—Younger brother to you bow.

The Chief Justice—I must ask that translations be more accurate.

The Interpreter—The meaning is right. Mr. Pollock—Is there a word for "humble"?

The Interpreter—It is generally translated "yours humbly."

Mr. Pollock—Does it mean humble in the ordinary sense of the term?

The Interpreter—Yes.

The Puisne Judge—It is literally "younger brother."

The Interpreter—Yes.

Sir Henry Berkley—It is a term of respect.

The Chief Justice—In many of these letters, whether in this case or in others, we are constantly coming across "younger brother. However, there it is.

The incident then ended.

## NEW INDUSTRIES NEAR HONGKONG.

The following items are taken from the report of Mr. W. R. M. D. Parr, acting Commissioner of Customs at Kowloon:

About 3 miles north of Shaukung, on the north shore of Mira Bay, near the village of Koontaw, a mine, known as Pakshikong, is being worked by the Fuk Hing Mining Company, Limited. The minerals found are silver and lead. The samples assayed 55 per cent. of lead and 38 ounces of silver per ton. The area of the concession is small and the work is at present carried on by some 70 coolies with picks and shovels. This mine had been formerly worked, but had to be abandoned because the primitive pumping machinery then in use was unable to prevent the flooding of the mine. At present Douglas pumps are employed, but more up-to-date steam pumping machinery is shortly expected from Europe, so the prospects of the mine are considered good.

A glass factory was established by the Fuk Wai Kung San in Pakshikong at Bias Point. The Company has a capital of \$400,000, divided into 8,000 \$50 shares, which it is intended to further increase as necessary arises. The works are situated near the beach, and the site seems well chosen, as an inexhaustible quantity of white sand suitable for glass making is to be found in the neighbourhood. The machinery at present in use was purchased from the old Hungsham glass factory at Kowloon, but it is intended to replace this in the near future by more up-to-date plant. Some 500 workmen, chiefly local men, are now employed daily; but it is computed that as soon as the new plant has been installed from 2,000 to 3,000 work-people will be employed at the works. So far only glassware of a coarse quality and finish has been made. With a view to facilitate transportation of the factory products into the interior, a proposal is now under consideration to build a light railway to connect the works with Pakshikong with the prefectoral capital of Waichow.

## FISCAL POLICY AND COTTON IMPORTS.

The following letter is extracted from a London contemporary:

Mr. Asquith considers it very wonderful and conclusive argument for our present fiscal system, that this country should have doubled its imports of raw cotton in the past fifty years. The following figures are taken from Mr. M. de P. Webb's recent book on "India and the Empire."

Average annual consumption of Raw Cotton (in millions of hundredweights):

Years. U.K. U.S.A. Europe. Total.

1876-80 ... 11.20 ... 6.18 ... 9.7 ... 26.50

1906-7 ... 17.87 ... 23.10 ... 24.37 ... 63.24

It appears, therefore, that the Protectionist

countries of Europe, which also have to import their raw cotton, have almost trebled their imports in thirty years, whereas the United Kingdom, according to the above figures, did not even double her imports in the same period.

What, then, becomes of Mr. Asquith's argument?

Sergeant Willis—He is a married man with a wife and family living at Taiwai. He is not a lawyer, and has always given the police every assistance.

His Worship told the fifth defendant he must cease being a member of the Triad Society.

He would be bound over in the sum of \$100, personal bond, to come up for judgment when called upon, and he would be discharged on the second count.

Sergeant Willis—He is a married man with a wife and

## CANTON.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

September 1st.

HOW THE OPIUM LAWS ARE ENFORCED.

There is a clause in the new opium laws now enforced which states that no opium-smoking implements of any description shall be kept in public houses or places such as hotels, restaurants, flower boats, theatres, brothels &c. for the use or convenience of customers.

The Police were very energetic when the law was promulgated and searches were frequently made in these public places. All the implements were either removed or destroyed, and opium smokers who patronise these places had to carry their license and paraphernalia with them.

The public houses and flower boats in Fatschan, in order to evade the law to suit the convenience of customers, have each taken out several licences in the names of their servants and now these places have been practically converted into public opium dens where people can go and smoke opium with impunity. This sort of thing has been going on in Fatschan since the beginning of the year. It is alleged that the police in Fatschan have been bribed and are ignoring what is going on, thus making the new opium law a dead-letter.

## CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY.

The first section of the main line (from Wong Sha to Kong Cheun, about 12 miles) was completed and opened for traffic about the 15th July last year. It is now reported that the Railway Company has completed another 30 miles (10 miles) from Kong Cheun to a town called Ngan Tsan Au, and trains will commence to run to the latter place on the 7th instant.

## OFFICIAL MATTERS.

Viceroy Chang has sent a despatch to the Grand Council at Peking recommending honours that be conferred on the Commissioner of Customs at Kung Peak (Macao) for the good services done by that Customs House in the seizure of fire arms. His Excellency has also recommended the conferment of honours on the Foreign Consuls here for their kind assistance in the recent flood disaster.

The Local Authorities received cable news from Peking stating that on the 31st ultimo the Emperor went personally to the Ancestral Temple and declared before the altar that he will establish a parliament in China in 1907. This is intended to pacify those who are clamouring for Constitutional Government.

The Board of Education has cabled to the Provincial Literary Chancellor here authorising the immediate establishment of a College for the training of lady tutors.

The Board of Labour, Agriculture and Commerce at Peking has telegraphically requested the Local Authorities to recommend them persons who are versed in botany, agriculture and veterinary surgery. High official rank will be given to those who prove to be qualified.

It is reported that H. E. Yuan, nephew of Prime Minister Yuan Shi Kai, is certain to succeed Viceroy Chang at Canton. He was strongly recommended by H. E. Chang Chi Tung, who is now at the head of the Canton-Hankow Railway affairs. Chang Chi Tung has already requested the Viceroy to abolish the Three Provinces Railway office here, and with Yuan's appointment no special Commission will be nominated for the supervision of the Canton-Hankow Railway. The special delegates who were on their way to Canton to investigate the complicated affairs of the Railway have been ordered to return to Peking.

September 2nd.

## AN ANTI-FOREIGN OFFICIAL.

Taozi Wei Tung Yao is becoming prominent as one of the most anti-foreign officials here. It is reported that recently he advised Viceroy Chang to give instructions to all the Military and Naval authorities and the Literary Chancellor of the Kwangtung Province to use only native cloth for the uniforms of soldiers and scholars and to strictly prohibit the use of foreign cloth. Instructions to the above effect have been already issued by the Viceroy.

If he adopts similar measures in Tibet there will, no doubt, be trouble in regard to British trade.

## INCREASING THE RAILWAY FARES.

The railway fares on the Fatschan line will be increased from the 1st day of the 9th moon, the increase being 10 cents for every station in the first and second class and 5 cents for the third class. It is expected that the third class passengers will protest as the increase is out of proportion altogether to their means.

## DENGUE FEVER.

Dengue Fever is visiting us again. Several Shamen residents are laid up with it and it is feared that the epidemic will spread as it did in 1904.

It is said that the disease is spreading fast in the City. The cases, however, are mild, and no deaths are reported.

## HONGKONG MERCHANT ROBBED.

Mr. Ng San Sang, manager of the Foo On Company of Hongkong, was robbed of his gold watch and chain and certain other articles valued about \$300 on the 31st ultimo, while staying at the Yent Wah Hotel. The matter has been reported to the police who are now on the track of the criminal.

## MANY GUNBOATS ON THE WEST RIVER.

It is reported that there are now 30 gunboats stationed on the West River. Each has to patrol a certain section of the river and must not go beyond the limit assigned to it, unless for coaling purposes. The Bureau of Local Affairs has established six coaling stations on the West River viz.: Shok Kee, Chu Tuan Shan, Yung Kee, Tan Yen Ho, Wong Hong and To Shing. The officials in charge of these stations have been instructed not to purchase any foreign coal, but to use native coal, and to render a monthly

statement of the amount of coal consumed and to name the places and districts where the coal comes from. This looks like official recognition and support of the boycott on Japanese goods.

## EXECUTIVE AND MILITARY ARMS.

The Provincial Government is recruiting a large number of men for the Reformed Army. Viceroy Chang has ordered the Government Arms Factory to manufacture several thousands of repeating rifles and several millions pounds of smokeless powder cartridges as soon as possible.

It is said that the Arms Factory has informed the Viceroy that 30,000 rifles and about 80,000 cartridges can be supplied each month.

## SENSATIONAL PIRACY.

The "Fook Chow" and "On Kee" launched trading between Canton and Waichow were both pirates on the night of the 27th ult. The pirates, about 50 in number, first boarded the "Fook Chow" and made use of her to pirate the "On Kee." About \$10,000 in money and valuable merchandise were carried away by the pirates. Many passengers, including several military officials and members of the crews of the vessels, were brutally murdered by the pirates who afterwards threw the bodies into the river.

The recent reoccurrence of piracy in the Canton-Delta and robberies and plundering on land has been something abnormal. It would be a couple of columns every day if all the cases were reported.

## CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY.

It is feared that great difficulty will be experienced in collecting the second instalment on the shares of the Railway Company, payment of which is now due.

It is reported that the Charitable Institutions in Fatschan have announced their inability to collect the second instalment on the shares for which they are responsible.

The Cloth Guild at Fatschan who are responsible for the subscription of over 1,000 shares have taken down their agency sign board of the Railway Company and have refused to issue notices of call.

## VICEROY CHANG.

His Excellency Viceroy Chang has again cabled to the Grand Council at Peking praying that his resignation may be accepted. Ill-health and old age are pleaded.

## DYING CHINESE AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES.

TEA AND SUGAR.

Mr. W. R. M. D. Parr, Acting Commissioner of Customs at Kowloon, in his report on the trade of 1907 remarks that Tea from Canton shows an annual falling off, and it seems only a matter of time when it will entirely disappear from the returns of the port.

With regard to Sugar the Commissioner says:

There are no large sugar plantations under skilled management in this district. Each farmer cultivates his own plot after somewhat primitive methods, so that notwithstanding the natural advantages of soil, climate and cheap labour, the native sugar is gradually being ousted by its foreign competitors.

Year by year the area of cultivation has diminished, as the farmer now finds it more profitable to raise other crops. A Chinese acre of land produces about 3 piculs of liquid sugar, which sells for \$12.50 at the principal local markets—Tsimshui, Lungkong, Pingshan, Pakmongfa etc., in the Kwaihsing district.

For this one acre of land the farmer pays rent amounting to \$2, and the necessary manure costs about \$6 while the labour is reckoned at about \$1. The farmer thus expends some \$9 on his acre of sugar cane, and its crushing costs him some \$3 more; that is to say, the farmer has expended some \$12 in the production of 3 piculs of liquid sugar which realised \$12.50. Thus the farmer realises a more or less problematical gain of \$0.50 per acre. The sugar refinery from these 3 piculs of liquid sugar draws some 120 catties (160 pounds) of the so-called white sugar, which he sells locally for \$5—somewhat better prices can be realised at Canton but the difference hardly covers the cost of transport. From the remains of the white sugar the refiner obtains 120 catties (200 pounds) of tongue which gives about 60 catties of brown sugar and 60 catties (60 pounds) of kienai the liquid that remains after the brown sugar has been made. The 60 catties of brown sugar sell for \$2.20 and the kienai for \$1.20, the refining expenses are calculated at \$1.20. The refiner is therefore ever in a worse plight than the farmer, for he has only realised \$8.80 after an expenditure of \$13.70 (i.e. purchase of 3 piculs of liquid \$10.50 refining expenses \$1.20 = \$13.70), representing an actual loss of some \$5 per 3 piculs of liquid sugar refined. All the native sugar merchants therefore fare badly in this district, and those in the northern part of the province appear to have done no better. As a consequence the price of liquid sugar has fallen, and at present prices it will be impossible for the farmer to continue the cultivation of the sugar cane. Moreover, during the year the sugar cane was attacked by a parasite which damaged much of the growing cane, thus adding one more blow to a fast dying industry which appears no longer able to compete successfully with its foreign rival.

## WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY IN KWANTUNG.

In his annual report Mr. Paul H. King, Commissioner of Customs at Canton, says:

The Kwangtung government, being satisfied with the good working of the two Hainan stations purchased from the Telefunken East Asiatic Wireless Telegraph Company, has acquired eight other wireless telegraph stations for a range of 100 miles, and established a school for wireless telegraphy in Canton, the Telefunken East Asiatic Wireless Telegraph Company supplying an engineer as a teacher for the school. Two stations were erected for the purpose of practising, one in the Wireless Telegraph School in Canton and one in Whampao, the stations being opened (for Government service only) on the 1st September.

The course of the Wireless Telegraph School lasted from the 1st June to the 1st December. After the examination, at which 20 students obtained the certificate for wireless telegraph operators, the Kwangtung Government engaged from the Telefunken East Asiatic Wireless Telegraph Company an expert as adviser to the Kwangtung government and also to supervise the teaching of new students and the installation of the stations. Regarding the places where the stations are to be installed, the Kwangtung government has decided to use them for the extension of the system of wireless telegraphy in the West River and the Delta, more especially to establish effective means of communication for the use of the river patrol, so as to enable the administrative authorities to control the patrol service in a more strategic and efficient manner than it would otherwise have been possible. Of gunboats, the "Lengtahan" (built a year ago in Hongkong) has already been fitted out with the wireless telegraph installation; the four new gunboats now in course of construction in Hongkong are also to be fitted with wireless telegraph installations. The ship and land stations in and around Canton have been placed under the supervision of Admiral Li Chan.

## RAILWAYS IN KWANTUNG.

Mr. Paul H. King, Commissioner of Customs at Canton, in his annual report says:

Of the Canton-Kowloon Railway, it is yet early days to speak. The company has opened its head office on Shamen in the old Deacon Hong. Taotai Wei Han is Managing Director, representing Viceregal interests, while the Engineer-in-Chief is Mr. Frank Grove, late of the Szechow-Nanking Railway. These preside over a mixed staff of foreign and Chinese engineers and clerks, and it is understood that the line along its whole length, Canton to Shamen, has been surveyed. Here, again, whether or not the line gets through to the Kowloon shore, China is safeguarded against loss, in the fact that the East River traffic alone will be quite sufficient to secure commercial success, besides the possibility, by a branch extension from Welches, of bringing Canton direct communication with Swatow.

The number of passengers carried by the Canton-Fatschan-Samshui branch of the Kien-Han Railway during the year was 1,911,524, of whom 2,081 were non-Chinese. The gross earnings amounted to \$502,999, of which sum \$57,519 were contributed by passenger traffic.

The freight earnings are still insignificant, and will probably remain so until the railway can be carried on along the West River bank, say, as far as the important town of Shihching, a distance of about 26 miles from Samshui. The extension would be neither difficult nor costly, and could not fail greatly to enhance the takings of the company both in freight and fare.

During the year some notable improvements have been effected. The rolling stock has been greatly strengthened by the purchase of two eight-wheel locomotives from the American Locomotive Company. The Shekwaikong ferry wharf has been easily paid for out of the year's earnings, and the line stands as a living example of the truth of the position I have ventured to put forward—that railways in China are bound to pay. In view of the number of passengers carried by the railway, it might be thought that "steam boating" on the Fatschan Creek had been killed as effectively as similar traffic on the Tsimshui, but such is not the case. It has, however, been severely cut, and there can be little doubt that when the company has so arranged matters as to run trains actually into the town of Fatschan—the present Fatschan depot is 1½ miles from the town—the launches will for the most part find their occupation gone. Incidentally, too, another of China's problems will be solved, as the inhabitants on the banks of the Creek will no longer be tempted to piratical ventures by the spectacle of the wheely launch, with its dollar-laden passenger tow crawling past their doors at all hours of the day and night.

THE CIVIL SERVICE PENSIONS.

Under the orders of the Secretary of State recently received, subscriptions under the Indian Civil Service Family Pension Regulations have been temporarily reduced by 12½ per cent, the reduction taking effect from 1st September.

PLANTAIN MEAL.

The Indian "Jour-à-la-calle" attention to a new method of manufacturing plantain meal which sounds simple and practical. The method, discovered by French experimenters, is simply to peel bananas and dry them in the sun, the meal thus obtained being of excellent commercial quality. Under ordinary conditions the yield of plantain flour is roughly twenty per cent, that is, five hundred weight of fruit produces one hundred weight of flour. The manufacture of plantain meal has already been taken in hand on the Malabar Coast.

TAXI STEAMERS.

The "Hesperus," which Palmer's Company of Jarro, are building for the Anglo-American Oil Company's German "house," is said to be one of the most interesting examples of the bulk oil carrier that have been laid down in recent years.

She has no fewer than 16 tanks, each of which

## SHIPPING NEWS.

## LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The Sir Montagu left Singapore on the 2nd inst. and is due here on or about the 8th inst. a.m.

The C.P.E. Sir Montagu arrived Kobe at 7.30 a.m. on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., and left again at 5 p.m. same day via Nagasaki for Shanghai, where she is due to arrive at 8 a.m. on Sunday, the 6th inst.

## THE SUER CANAL.

Reports of shipping and tonnage for the years 1905, 1906 and 1907 have been issued as a Parliamentary paper. The results of the past year's working were contained in the report issued by the Company earlier in the year and presented to the shareholders at the annual meeting, held in Paris, on June 2. The White Paper states that there was an increase of 1,282,930 tons in the net tonnage for the past year, and an increase of nearly 8,000,000 in the earnings. Of 3,254 merchant vessels and vessels in ballast of a net tonnage of 11,800,134 tons, passing through the canal, 2,441 ships, being fully 75 per cent. of the number; and nearly 73 per cent. were German vessels, whose tonnage was 10 per cent. of the whole. France, Holland, Russia, Austria-Hungary, Denmark, Norway, all, combined, furnished a total of 105 per cent. of the vessels and 104 per cent. the tonnage of the carrying trade to the East through the Suez Canal. It is stated that the mean duration of passage for all vessels navigating the canal was 17hrs. 38min. in 1907, as compared with 18hrs. 2min. in 1906, while the percentage of vessels navigating by night as well as by day amounted to 98.7 per cent. in 1907.

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FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE, Calling at TIMOR, PORT DARWIN, and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.

THE Steamship "ALDENHAM". Captain St. John George, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, 17th inst., at NOON.

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A Captain and a duly qualified Surgeon are stabled.

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GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents, Hongkong, 4th September, 1908. 1262

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FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship "NAMSANG".

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 P.M. the 5th inst., will be landed at Consignee's risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATTHESON & CO., LTD., General Managers, Hongkong, 3rd September, 1908. 1264

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned begs to notify that the CHU KWONG LAN Firm with all its Branches has been DISPOSED OF to Mr. UN-OI-YU, who will undertake to settle all and sundry of the liabilities connected therewith.

The undersigned therefore refuses to hold himself responsible for any debts old or new contracted by the aforesaid Firm.

CRU SHU NAM, Hongkong, 1st September, 1908. 1251

FOR SALE AT THE BEGINNING OF 1908.

A COMPLETE PLANT of SUGAR MACHINERY Capable of dealing with 2,000 Gallons Juice per hour comprising:

1 Three Roller Mill "36" by "72" with Hydraulis on back roll and having Cane and Megass Carriers complete.

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1 Triple Effect of 2,500 square feet heating surface with Vacuum Pump equal to double the requirements to take a Vacuum Pan, if necessary.

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Factory Building 103 feet long and 90 feet wide in two spans of steel girder columns with corrugated galvanized iron roof and ends.

The Plant works with megass fuel alone except for raising Steam.

The Factory can be seen at work on Nova Scotia Estates, Para, Federated Malay States, at any time during the next five months after which time Cane Cultivation is to be stopped as the Estate has been planted throughout with Rubber.

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Apply to—

THE STRAITS SUGAR CO., LTD., 27, Austin Friars, London, E.C.

or to—

JOHN TURNER, FOUNDER,

H. LINDEMAYER, Executor, Hongkong, 20th August, 1908. 1255

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## INTIMATIONS

HONGKONG GYMKHANA CLUB.

THE FOURTH MEETING of the Season will be held at Happy Valley, (TO-MORROW) SATURDAY, 5th September, 1908, commencing at 4 P.M.

The Charge of Admission will be \$1 for others than Members of the Hongkong Jockey Club and Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform Half Price.

The Committee invite the Ladies of Hongkong to be present.

Post card will be accepted for event No. 5.

REGINALD F. C. MASTER, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Hongkong, 2nd September, 1908. 1256

HONGKONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the above Society will be held in the CITY HALL, on FRIDAY, the 25th instant, at 5.30 P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st August, of Electing Officers, bearers for the ensuing year.

DAVID WOOD, Acting Hon. Secretary, Hongkong, 3rd September, 1908. 1259

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., LIMITED.

THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, on SATURDAY, the 19th September, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Manager, together with a Statement of Accounts to the 30th June, 1908.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 19th September, both days inclusive.

DOUGLAS, LA PAIK & CO., General Managers, Hongkong, 2nd September, 1908. 1257

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE FOURTEENTH HALF-YEARLY DRAWING of Sixty-five Debentures (1896) of the HONGKONG CLUB, payable on WEDNESDAY, the 30th September, 1908, will be held at the HONGKONG CLUB House at 11 o'clock A.M., on SATURDAY, the 19th September, 1908.

Bearers of Debentures are invited to attend the Drawing.

By Order, JAMES CRAIK, Acting Secretary, Hongkong, 3rd September, 1908. 1258

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Hongkong, 7th August, 1908. 31

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Photographic Goods of every Description in Stock.

Developing and Printing Undertaken.

Hongkong, 31st July, 1907. 730

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

S.S. "ERNEST SIMONS."

COMPAGNIES DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London ex s.s. "Dordogne Annam," from Havre ex s.s. "Dordogne," from Bordeaux ex s.s. "Ville de Lorient" in connection with above.

Steamers are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risks into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optical Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation received from the Consignees before NOON, To-DAY, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after

MONDAY, the 7th September, at NOON, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me or before the 7th Sept., or they will not be recognized.

All damaged packages will be examined on MONDAY, the 7th Sept., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd September, 1908. 1260

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN THE MATTER of the Estate of HANS VON VARCHMIN late of Patokh, Consul for Germany, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probate Ordinance No. 2 of 1897, made an Order limiting to the 1st day of October, 1908, for sending in Claims against the above Estate.

All Creditors are hereby required to send their Claims to the Undersigned before the said date.

E. A. VORETZSCH, 1208 Consul for Germany, 17th August, 1908. Administrator.

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33, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

From the University of Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

Hongkong, 17th April, 1908. 1261

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THE Undersigned beg to notify their Customers and the General Public that they have REMOVED to No. 27, DES VŒUX ROAD CENTRAL, opposite the

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**NEDERLANDSCH-INDISCHE HANDELSBANK**  
(NETHERLANDS-INDIA COMMERCIAL BANK).  
ESTABLISHED 1863.

Authorised Capital FL. 15,000,000 (£1,250,000)  
Subscribed Capital FL. 10,000,000 (Paid up)  
Reserve Fund FL. 2,200,517.37 (£183,376)

HEAD OFFICE: AMSTERDAM.  
SUB-OFFICE: THE HAGUE.  
HEAD AGENCY: BATAVIA.  
BRANCHES: Singapore, Surabaya, Samarang, Indramajoo, Bandoeng and Weltevreden.

CORESPONDENTS: at: Cheribon, Teg-Pecalongan, Macassar, Pontianak, Padang, Medan, Pemang, Rangoon, Calcutta, Bombay, Madras, Colombo, Karachi, Djeddah, Bangkok, Saigon, Shanghai.

BANKERS:  
(The WILLIAMS BANKS).  
London: SWISS BANKVERIN.  
Paris: COMPTOIR NATIONAL D'ESCOMPTES DE PARIS.  
Berlin: DEUTSCHE BANK.  
Brussels: BANQUE DE PARIS ET DES PAYS BAS.  
Vienna: UNION BANK.  
Rome: BANCA COMMERCIALE ITALIANA.

THE BANK buys and sells and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, issues letters of credit payable in all important places of the world and transacts every description of Banking and Exchange business.

INTEREST ALLOWED.  
On Current Account at the Rate of 2% per annum on the Daily Balance.  
On Fixed Deposit: 12 months 4% per annum  
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do 3 do 3% do.

C. WOLDRINGH Manager.  
No. 16, Des Vaux Road Central.  
Hongkong, 19th August, 1908. 261

**THE BANK OF TAIWAN, LIMITED**  
(INCORPORATED BY SPECIAL IMPERIAL CHARTER).

Capital Subscribed (paid-up) Yen 5,000,000  
Reserve Fund Yen 986,000

HEAD OFFICE: TAIPEH, FORMOSA.  
BRANCHES AND AGENCIES:  
Amoy Kobe Taiwan  
Anping Nagasaki Tamsui  
Fuchow Osaka Tokio  
Keeling Shanghai Yokohama  
Sutow

HONG KONG OFFICE:  
3, Des Vaux Road.  
Interest allowed on Current Account  
Deposits received on terms which may be had on application. D. TOHDOW, Manager.  
Hongkong, 5th April, 1907. 783

**INTERNATIONAL BANK CORPORATION.**  
CAPITAL FULLY PAID UP, Sh. Taels 7,500,000

HEAD OFFICE-SHANGHAI.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, BERLIN.  
BRANCHES: Berlin, Hamburg, Calcutta, Hankow, Tientsin, Peking, Tientsin, Tsin-tau, Kobe, Yokohama, Singapore.

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For 6 " 3 " " "

For 3 " 3 " "

No. 9, Queen's Road, Central, Hongkong.  
W. M. ANDERSON,  
Manager.  
Hongkong 8th April, 1908. 1103

**HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.**

PAID-UP CAPITAL ... ... ... £15,000,000  
RESERVE FUNDS:  
STERLING £1,500,000 at 2/ = £15,000,000  
SILVER ... ... ... £14,000,000

£9,000,000  
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS £15,000,000

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Hon. Mr. W. J. GLENSON - Deputy Chairman.  
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C. S. Gubbay, Esq. Hon. Mr. H. A. W. Slade  
H. B. Tomkins, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER: Hongkong: J. R. M. SMITH  
MANAGER: Shanghai - W. ARTHUR ORAM.

LONDON BANKERS-LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG - INTEREST ALLOWED.  
On Current Account at the rate of Two per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS.  
For 3 months 2% per cent. per annum.  
For 6 months 3% per cent. per annum.  
For 12 months 4% per cent. per annum  
J. H. M. SMITH,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, 22nd August, 1908. 20

**HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK**  
THE Business of the above Bank conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3% per cent. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option balances \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 3% Per Cent. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,  
J. R. M. SMITH,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, 12th January 1908. 21

## BANKS

**THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK LIMITED.**

CAPITAL PAID-UP ..... Yen 24,000,000  
RESERVE FUNDS ..... 15,128,000

HEAD OFFICE - YOKOHAMA.

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Chefoo Tsin-tau Peking  
Nanchang Dalny Port Arthur  
Antung Liuyang Mukden  
Tieling Chang Chun

HONGKONG - INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Account at the rate of 2% per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 5% per annum

" " 6% " "

" " 3% " "

TAKEO TAKAMICHI,

Manager.  
Hongkong, 24th March 1908. 524

**NEDERLANDSCH-HANDEL-MAATSCHAFF.**  
(NETHERLANDS TRADING SOCIETY).  
ESTABLISHED 1824.

PAID UP CAPITAL FL. 45,000,000 (£3,750,000)  
RESERVE FUND FL. 5,762,884.44  
(about £478,407)

HEAD OFFICE: AMSTERDAM.

HEAD AGENCY: BATAVIA.

Branches: Singapore, Penang, Shanghai, Rangoon, Samarang, Sourabaya, Cheribon, Teg-Pecalongan, Pasarsoeng, Tjilatap, Padang, Medan, Deli, Palimbang, Kota Radja, (Acheen) Bandjermasih, Correspondents at Macassar, Bombay, Colombo, Madras, Pondicherry, Calcutta, Bangkok, Saigon, Haiphong, Iloilo, Amoy, Yokohama, Kobe, Malacca, Sydney, New York, San Francisco, &c. &c.

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On Fixed Deposits 12 months 4% per annum.

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J. L. VAN HOUTEN, Agent.

Hongkong, 16th July, 1908. 25

**DEUTSCH-ASIATISCHE BANK.**

CAPITAL FULLY PAID UP, Sh. Taels 7,500,000

HEAD OFFICE-SHANGHAI.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, BERLIN.

BRANCHES: Berlin, Hamburg, Calcutta, Hankow, Tientsin, Peking, Tientsin, Tsin-tau, Kobe, Yokohama, Singapore.

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DIREKTION DER DISCONTO-GESELLSCHAFT.

A. KOEHN,

Manager.

Hongkong, 4th December, 1907. 24

**THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.**

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853,

HEAD OFFICE-LONDON.

PAID-UP CAPITAL ..... £1,200,000

RESERVE FUND ..... £1,525,000

RESERVE LIABILITIES OF PROPRIETORS ..... £1,200,000

INTEREST allowed on Current Account at the rate of 2% per cent. per annum on the Daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 4% per cent.

for 6 " 3 " "

JOHN ARMSTRONG,

Manager.

Hongkong, 14th May, 1908. 117

**THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.**

AUTHORISED CAPITAL ..... £1,500,000

SUBSCRIBED ..... 1,125,000

PAID-UP ..... 562,000

RESERVE FUND ..... 210,000

HEAD OFFICE-LONDON, ENGLAND.

INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts at the rate of 2% per cent. per annum on the Daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:

For 12 months ..... 4% per cent.

For 6 " ..... 3% per cent.

EVAN ORMISTON,

Manager.

Hongkong, 23rd April, 1908. 21

## THE BRITISH "DREADNOUGHTS."

## THE "TIMES" AND THE BOARD OF ADMIRALTY

The principal achievement of the present Board of Admiralty, over and above the confusion into which it has thrown the strategical preparation for any possible war, has been the embodiment in the "Dreadnought" of a new and peculiar tactical theory and the expansion upon the construction of that ship of a larger sum of public money than has ever been spent on any ship before. The costly monstrosity has also been advertised much in the same way as some recent books, whose merit is not thought by the best judges to be proportionate either to their size or to the fact that has been made about them. No doubt those who were responsible for the design of the ship believed it to be an improvement upon any ship of war previously existing, and, if it were, it was probably known, who they were, that there would be a presumption proportionate to their reputations as tacticians and as strategists that the principles embodied in the design were sound. The distribution of busines at the Admiralty both before and after the 20th of October, 1904, the date of the last published account of that distribution, would seem to show that the responsibility belonged primarily to the Third Sea Lord and C-in-C of the Navy, to whom the Director of Naval Construction. But the First Sea Lord, being empowered to advise on all large questions of naval policy and maritime war, and being responsible for the fighting and sea-going efficiency of the Fleet, as well as for the control of the Naval Ordnance Department, must have had at least as equal and perhaps a preponderating influence upon the design and armament of the vessel. The Director of Naval Construction apparently has a more limited responsibility. At any rate, it is the man who is responsible for the "Dreadnought" is a man of great reputation.

The "Dreadnought" is a ship which has been built with a view to the destruction of the enemy's fleet, and the destruction of the enemy's fleet is the object of the "Dreadnought".

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## SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.  
 AFRICAN, British str., 2,903. *Tsengson*, 3rd September—Kube and Moji 25th August, General—Melchers & Co.  
 BENTENDE, British str., 2,500 R. *Kroble*, 3rd Sept.—London and Singapore 30th Aug., General—Gibb, Livingston & Co.  
 BOENHO, German str., 1,344. *F. Sembill*, 3rd September—Sandakan 29th Aug., General—Melchers & Co.  
 DAGNY, Norwegian str., 3rd Sept.—Canton.  
 HUICHOW, British str., 1,217. *E. Forsyth*, 3rd Sept.—Weihaiwei 29th August, General—Butterfield & Swire.  
 KRONOW, German str., 1,115. *T. Kohler*, 3rd September—Swatow 2nd Sept., Rice and Teakwood—Butterfield & Swire.  
 LITUANIA, Russian str., 2,500. *Junter*, 2nd Sept.—Singapore 23rd Aug., General—Melchers & Co.  
 MOYOR MARU, Japanese str., 2,736. *J. Hands*, 3rd September—Japan 26th Aug., General—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

NAMRANO, British str., 2,551. *P. M. E. Lake*, 3rd Sept.—Calcutta and Singapore 23rd Aug., General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.  
 NINGCHOW, British str., 5,836. *Allan*, 3rd Sept.—Manila 1st September, General—Butterfield & Swire.

SHAOHSING, British str., 3rd Sept.—Canton.  
 SHIETOTO MABU, Japanese str., 2,476. *Atsumi*, 3rd September—Moj 28th August, Coal—Osaka Shosen Kaisha.

YATMING, British str., 1,424. *M. Courtney*, 3rd Sept.—Shanghai 29th Aug., General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

YUNMAN, British str., 1,204. *W. O. Jones*, 3rd September—Chinkiang via Shanghai and Swatow 2nd Sept., General—Butterfield & Swire.

## CLEARANCES

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.

Huichow, British str., for Canton.  
 Nanchang, British str., for Shanghai.  
 Pheasant, British str., for Saigon.  
 Triumph, German str., for Macao.

## DEPARTURES.

3rd September.  
 ITHAKA, German str., for Canton.  
 SINGAN, British str., for Holloway.  
 SPIR, Norwegian str., for Saigon.

SUNGKANG, British str., for Amoy.

TAIGHUN, Chinese str., for Canton.

VICTORIA, Swedish str., for C. K. Wan.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British str. *Huichow* report: Fresh N. E. wind and fine.

The British str. *Namrano* reports: Light winds and fine weather to port.

The British str. *Yatming* reports: Moderate North Easterly wind to Swatow; light Westerly winds, thence to port.

The British str. *Yunman* reports: Light N. E. winds and exceptionally fine weather throughout the passage to Swatow; thence fresh S. W. breeze to Hongkong, experienced strong N. E. set last 12 hours.

VESSELS IN DRYD.

September 3rd.

ARMED DOCKS—*Forstal*.

BOWLOON DOCKS—*Hoeng*, H.M.S. *Whiting*, *Jutecopolis*, U.S.S. *Albatross*, *Vigilante*, *Zefiro*.

COSMOPOLITAN DOCKS—*Pocahontas*, H.M.S. *Oster*.

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"HAIMUN,"

Captain *Robson*, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-DAY, the 4th inst., at 2 P.M.

A reduction of 20 per cent. on First Class Fares to Foochow, will be made during the Month of September.

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Hongkong, 1st September, 1908. 1254

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Captain J. D. Andrews, E.N.R., carrying His Majesty's Mail, will be despatched from this for Bombay &c. on SATURDAY, the 5th September at NOON, taking passengers and cargo for the above port in connection with the Company's "Mongoli," 10,000 tons, from Colombo passengers' accommodation in which vessel is secured before departure from Hongkong.

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Hongkong, 24th August, 1908. 1

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Hongkong, 1st September, 1908. 4

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Hongkong, 3rd September, 1908.



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Swatow, den 27. Dezember 1907. 155

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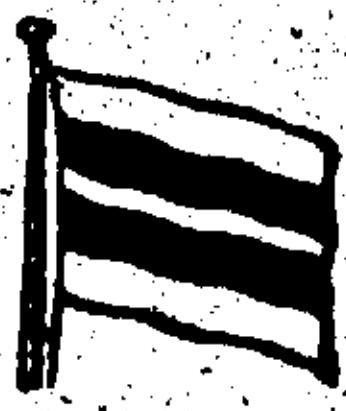
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SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, PERA	PEKING	About 12th	Freight and YOKOHAMA
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MANILA	TEAN	On 8th Sept., 4 P.M.
SWATOW, CHEFOO and TIENSIN	HUICHOW	On 10th Sept., 4 P.M.
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA, THUAS, DAY ISLAND, OOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY, with Transhipment for TASMANIA, NEW ZEALAND, ADELAIDE, FREMANTLE and PERTH	TAIWAN	On 10th Oct., 4 P.M.

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